

Solving California's Long-Term Services and Supports Crisis

A comprehensive policy platform can position the state to meet the needs of older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers through a three-pronged solution addressing 1) linkages to care, 2) access and 3) affordability.

THREE-PRONGED SOLUTION

Institute a comprehensive framework providing:

- Timely connections to information, care and supports
- Coordinated medical, social and mental health services
- Better data, information and technology



Support and develop local community options that:

- Promote statewide availability of home and community-based services
- Plan for workforce needs and develop strategies to recruit, support and retain staff.
- Increase access to transportation
- Increase the supply of affordable and accessible housing in rural, suburban and urban areas

Explore a mix of financing options accompanied by adequate protections for low and middle income Californians that:

- Maximize efficiency and sustainability of existing public and private funding sources
- Adequately and comprehensively deliver long-term services and supports statewide
- Maintain consumer choice and flexibility in the least restrictive setting without regard to age

About the Long-Term Services and Supports Exploratory Coalition and the Policy Platform

Stemming from a surge of growth in the population of older adults and people with disabilities needing services and supports, California confronts a number of challenges in how to finance, develop and organize long-term services and supports¹ (LTSS) for the population. The issues confronting the state are many, including a lack of affordable options for care, confusing and complicated systems of care, a shortage of available services and supports, a lack of affordable and accessible housing, and the need for a culturally competent workforce.

The LTSS Exploratory Coalition (Coalition) is a group of 20 diverse organizations representing older adults, people with disabilities, labor unions and providers actively engaged in exploring policy opportunities that best meet the needs of this population. To strategically plan for population growth and ensure that Californians can live with dignity and independence, the Coalition developed this policy platform to outline the system-wide priorities that will help prepare the state to serve its population now and well into the future.

Coalition Members

AARP

The Arc of California

Alzheimer's Association

California Association for Adult Day Services

California Association of Area Agencies on Aging

California Collaborative for LTSS

California Commission on Aging

California Domestic Workers Coalition

California Foundation for Independent Living Centers

California LTC Ombudsman Association

CalPACE

Caring Across Generations

Congress of California Seniors

Disability Rights California

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network

Justice in Aging

LeadingAge California

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

UDW/AFSCME Local 3930

¹ Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), also referred to as Long-Term Care (LTC), consists of a broad range of day-to-day help needed by people with long-term conditions, disabilities, behavioral health needs, cognitive impairment or frailty. This can include personal care (bathing, dressing, toileting); complex care (medications, wound care); help with housekeeping, transportation, paying bills, and meals; and other ongoing social services. LTSS may be provided in the home, in assisted living and other supportive housing settings, in nursing facilities, and in integrated settings such as those that provide both health care and supportive services. LTSS also includes services provided to family caregivers to support them in their unpaid role.